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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RUSSO ET AL.

Examiner

Thuy Pardo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Application filed on December 19, 2001 has been reviewed.
2. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Otsuka et al. (Hereinafter "Otsuka") US Patent No. 6,697,823.

As to claim 1, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed, comprising steps of: presenting a user with a generic user interface for performing a dialogue [through the public media for performing a dialogue with a user, see the fig. 1]; and using information acquired in the dialogue for configuring for or performing a backup or restore operation [fig. 6, 9, 14A-14C, 16-19, col. 4, lines 17-60].

As to claim 2, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches using data structures created by function calls that are part of an application program interface [6 of fig. 1; col. 7, lines 47-51].

As to claim 3, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches that the data structures are shared by more than one application program interface [2-6 of fig. 1; col. 5, lines 22 to col. 6, lines 30].

As to claim 4, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further an application program interface that is directed toward configuring a client application for the backup or restore operation [fig. 8].

As to claim 5, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches an application program interface that is directed toward interfacing with a client application for carrying out the backup or restore operation [fig. 8-14].

As to claim 6, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches an application program interface that is directed toward browsing a client application for objects to configure for or for carrying out the backup or restore operation [fig. 21-22].

As to claim 7, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches that the user interface is GUI [fig. 20a-20b].

As to claim 8, Otsuka teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Otsuka further teaches the user interface is a command line interface (CLI) [fig. 22].

As to claim 14, it is a corresponding apparatus claim of claim 1. Therefore, it is rejected under the same rationale.

As to claims 9-13 and 15-29, all limitations of these claims have been addressed in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1091. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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